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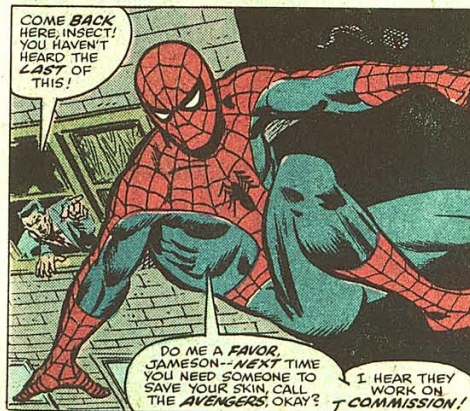
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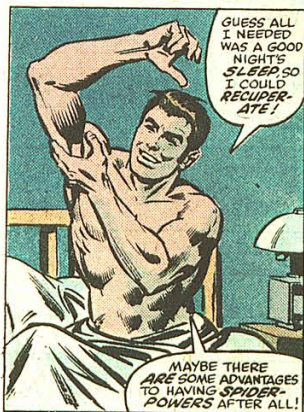
WITHOUT THINKING, I USED IT TO TURN OFF THE RADIO--



FANTASTIC! AFTER ALL I'VE PUT IT THROUGH, IT'S ALMOST COMPLETELY HEALED...



...AND THE BULLET WOUND HASN'T EVEN LEFT A SCAR!



GUESS ALL I NEEDED WAS A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP SO I COULD RECUPERATE!



AND, SHORTLY... SORRY ABOUT THAT, MRS. MUGGINS. HEY, WATCH WHERE YER GOIN', PARKER!



WHOOPEE! IF YA ASK ME, I THINK THAT WHOLE GENERATION IS OFF ITS ROCKER!

AND, NOT TOO LONG AFTER, IN A QUIET FOREST HILLS APARTMENT HOUSE...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I DROPPED BY TO SEE AUNT MAY.



IT'LL MAKE THAT SWEET OLD LADY'S DAY TO HAVE A CHANCE TO FUSS OVER ME! SHE'S ALWAYS... EH? LOOKS LIKE A NOTE ON HER DOOR!

DEAR ANNA: SORRY TO LEAVE EARLY, BUT I'D FORGOTTEN THE DEMONSTRATION WE HAD PLANNED AT CITY HALL. I'LL TRY TO BE HOME BEFORE DARK. LOVE, MAY. P.S. DON'T FORGET YOUR RUBBERS IF YOU GO OUT. IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN!



YEP, SHE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND, THAT LADY!

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I STILL CAN'T GET OVER THIS NEW MILITANT ATTITUDE AUNT MAY HAS ACQUIRED LATELY.



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-- BUT SO LONG AS IT SEEMS TO BE STRENGTHENING HER SOMEHOW, I'M NOT GOING TO COMPLAIN! MAN, THERE'S QUITE A CROWD HERE! I HOPE I CAN FIND HER AMONG ALL THESE...



YOUNG MAN, STAND ASIDE! I'M GOING TO TAKE OUR PETITION TO THE MAYOR! I'M VERY SORRY, MA'AM-- BUT I'VE IN CONFERENCE RIGHT NOW! I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO GO IN THERE!



YOUNG MAN, DON'T YOU DARE ORDER ME ABOUT LIKE THAT! I'M OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR SISTER!



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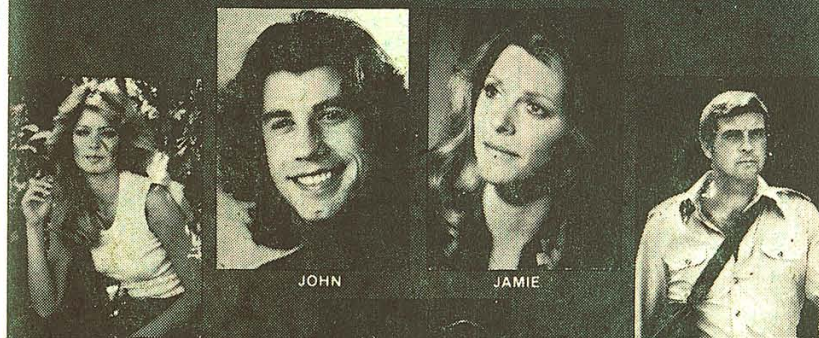
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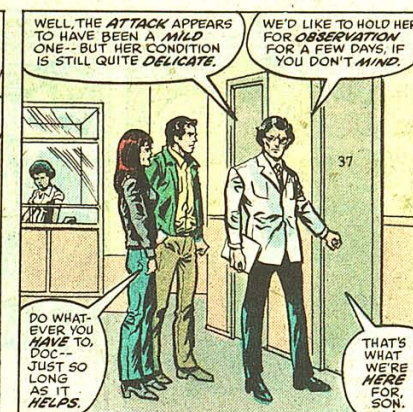
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SHORTLY WHEN MARY JANE HAS FINALLY PRIED PETER AWAY FROM A NOW-DOZING AUNT MAY...

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HEY-- TAXI!!

WHERE TO NOW, TIGER-- YOUR PLACE OR MINE?



UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER, MJ. I'M HEADING OVER TO DR. HAMILTON'S OFFICE--

--TO FIND OUT HOW HARRY OSBORN IS DOING!

MAN, YOUR LIFE IS JUST A BUNDLE OF FUN, ISN'T IT?

WHAT ABOUT HIS LIFE? POOR HARRY HAS REALLY BEEN STRUGGLING OUT SINCE LIZ ALLEN LEFT HIM!



WELL TRY TO KEEP SMILING, OKAY? FOR ME? LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, BROWN-EYES--

--THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO FROM HERE BUT UP!

THEN LET'S HOPE MY SENSE OF DIRECTION IMPROVES.



MJ, THANK YOU, I'D NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH ALL THIS WITHOUT YOU.

THE SHOULDERS ALWAYS THERE WHENEVER YOU NEED IT, ACE.

HEY, YOU FOLKS GONNA BE ALL DAY OR WHAT?

THEY GOT LAWS AGAINST THAT KINDA THING IN THIS TOWN, Y'KNOW.

THE LADY'S COMING, FRIEND-- JUST HOLD YOUR HORSE-POWER.



KEEP THE FAITH, PETEY-- AND CALL ME, HUH? YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE NUMBER!

PRETTY LADY, YOU CAN GET ON IT!



BUT THE SMILE FADES FROM OUR HARPLESS HERO'S LIPS, AS MARY JANE'S TAXI FADES INTO THE DISTANCE--

--AND THUS IT'S A MOST PENSIVE PETER PARKER WHO EMERGES FROM THE SUBWAY SOMETIME LATER...

I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO MENTION MY OTHER PROBLEMS TO MJ-- LIKE HOW I'M NOT GOING TO GRADUATE WITH THE REST OF MY COLLEGE CLASS...

...AND HOW I'M GONNA HAVE TO GO TO NIGHT SCHOOL TO MAKE UP THE NECESSARY CREDITS!!



BUT WHEN PETER HESITANTLY ENTERS THE GOOD DOCTOR'S OFFICE...

LORD, THIS PLACE IS A SHAMBLES!

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT, FRIEND!



WHEN HAMILTON'S SECRETARY ARRIVED THIS MORNING, SHE FOUND THE OFFICE LIKE THIS-- AND THE DOCTOR'S HALF-SMOKED PIPE STILL ON THE FLOOR!

NEAR AS WE CAN FIGURE IT, ONE OF HIS PATIENTS WENT OFF THE DEEP END-- AND DID SOMETHING TO HIM!

AND FROM THE WAY MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING-- I'M AFRAID I KNOW WHICH PATIENT IT WAS!



WELL, I'M WAITING, FELLA! I WANT SOME ANSWERS--

--AND I WANT 'EM NOW!!

HEY, WHY AM I TELLING YOU ALL THIS? WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

YOU'RE NOT EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE IN HERE!



I'D-- AH-- REALLY LIKE TO-- ER-- HELP YOU, OFFICER...



...BUT I--UH-- THINK I LEFT MY RHINOCEROS DOUBLE-PARKED!

HEY-- COME BACK HERE, MISTER!



I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU THINK YOU'RE RUNNING TO, FELLA, BUT YOU'LL NEVER OUTFRIN...

HUH?

I DON'T GET IT! HE WAS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME, JUST A FEW FEET AHEAD--

--SO WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?



HE JUST COULDN'T HAVE DISAPPEARED...

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Dear Marvel,

On the Spidey/Nova crossover in NOVA #12 and AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #171, I say kudos all around. For, although the team-up itself was wonderful I expected it to be, both Len and Marv held the mystery of Photon himself tight and gripping, both in and out of their respective titles.

Many such previous crossovers have left a little to be desired (excluding, of course, the excellent Doc Strange/Dracula epic of a few years back). Nonetheless, you tried it with Spidey and Nova, and came up shining. Thank you.

Kenny J. Mayes
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And thank you, Kenny. We, too, hold the aforementioned Doc Strange/Dracula team-up in high esteem, and it's comforting to be placed in such sterling company.

Dear Len,

No, I didn't solve the mystery in SPIDER-MAN #171, but then, I didn't try to. I did guess that it would have something to do with word games, because the fact that Dr. Ryder liked them so much was brought out in NOVA #12 and I'm suspicious of odd facts like that one.

My sister was very unimpressed with the solution. She wants to know how Rider could have put together such an elaborate puzzle (or even have thought of it) in the time before he died. And frankly, I'm with her.

The whole elaborate "dying clue" business in mysteries is a bit silly. Of course, I've never been dying, so I don't really know how well the mind and body function at such a time, but unless he had several minutes before he died, I really don't see how Ralph Ryder had the time to think, "Ah hah, by an incredible coincidence, the first letters of the last six months of the year spell out the name of my killer. Heaven only knows how I know who he is, and wonder of wonders, I have just enough strength left to rip off those last six months and arrange them in front of me before I die."

Do you?

Ann Nichols
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My good Spider-Makers,

The recent team-up of Nova and Spider-Man was, well, not up to par. The villain was good, as was the first half of the story, but the conclusion, along with several other key parts, was pretty poor.

First, I hated the clues. Len, you gave it your best shot, but I fail to see why every juvenile whodunit has to have either a dying clue or the villain slipping up his alibi. Then too, the ever-present anagram-type word puzzle/dying hint. I'd hoped that the obvious clue would point the heroes in the needed direction, and that, investigating Dean, they'd find out that he was innocent. Then they could concentrate on the others until the suspects were eliminated from the guilty list one-by-one until only one remained. Then the suspect could become Photon and a fairly normal battle would occur.

Secondly, Ross Andru may draw Spidey well, but he just doesn't have it down with Nova. I think that the best choice would have been to continue the story in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, and let Sal Buscema finish the story. I also feel that Mike Esposito was rushed a bit here n'there.

Len, I have one more question. Why would Photon, who works for the Maggia, team up with AIM agents instead of his own men?

One more thing. From page 15, panel 4, we assume that Dean had the costume under his clothes. Doesn't Capt. Steele search murder suspects???

Unless you answer that one, along with how a search of Petyey didn't show up a certain webbed uniform, Make mine marvel!

Christopher Mortika
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The best explanation we can come up with for Photon's working with AIM is that both sides were working under a temporary truce of sorts. Franklin Risk, after all, proposed that everyone share Dr. Rider's invention, and thus all profit by it. From where we're sitting, that seems like pretty sound advice, and AIM agents and Maggia men are certainly no fools.

As far as why a search didn't turn up with either Spidey's or Photon's costumes, we're afraid you've got us cold, Chris—and your no-prize is forthcoming.

Marv and Len,

I have just finished my copy of THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #171. Fantastic is about the best way to describe the quality of this story. Of the many Whodunits I have read none have I enjoyed more than your epic. I waited for this issue to come to the store where I get my magazines and I was lucky that they got it at all since I live on an island in the Pacific. Mysteries will never be the same after this brilliant Whodunit with two of Marvel's greatest super-heroes. If it seems as if I liked this Nova/Spider-Man team-up you are understanding things. MAKE MINE MARVEL.

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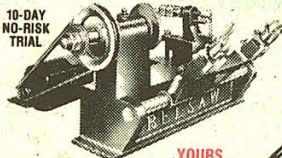
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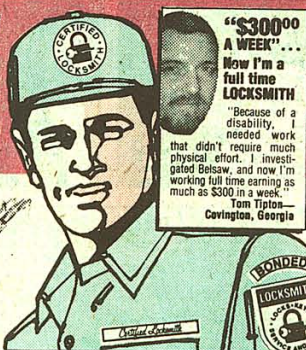
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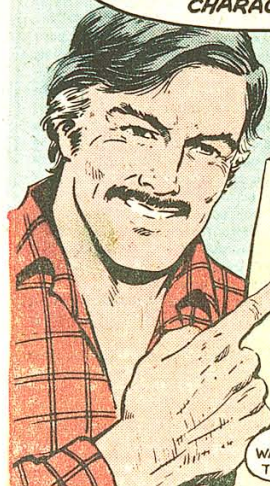
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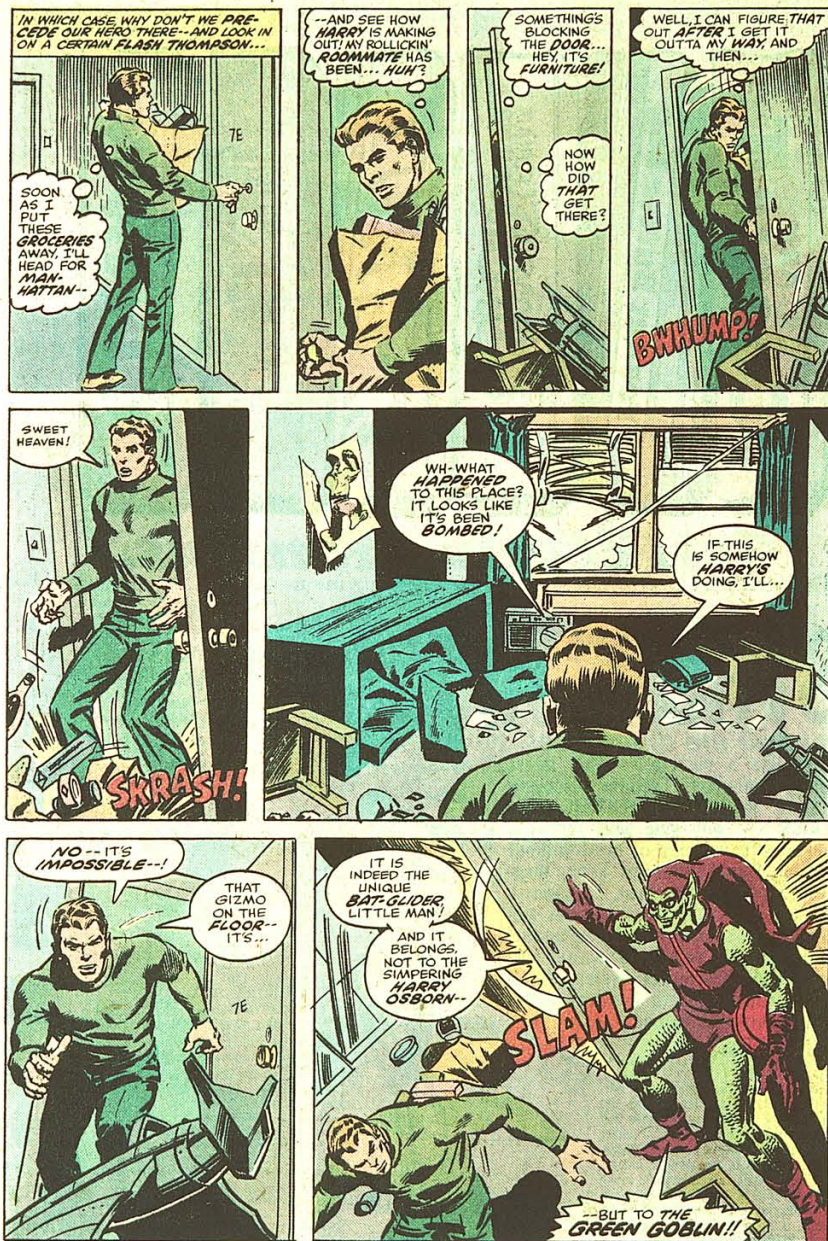
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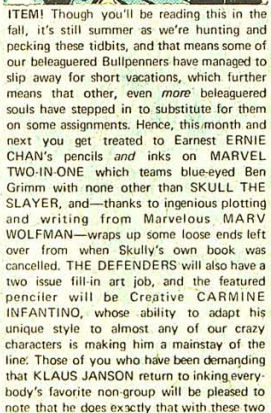
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Remember 25 years ago when we warned you that ol' Marvel is taking over the world? Of course, most of you wise and witty old-timers believed us, except for a few malcontents like Irving Forbush! Anyway, here's a little extra proof to show what we mean. You've all heard of Pocket Books, the most famous publisher of pocket-sized books in the world. You've probably got dozens of their titles on your bookshelves right now. Now, guess who's publishing the new library of SPIDER-MAN and the FANTASTIC FOUR, in full color, so that you can build a permanent, complete collection of our Marvel masterpieces at a rock-bottom-price! Next time you're in a book store, be sure to ask for the great new Pocket Books editions of SPIDER-MAN and FANTASTIC FOUR—just tell 'em our armadillo sent you! But that's only the beginning! The newest in our seemingly endless ORIGINS series is just now going on sale—THE SUPERHERO WOMEN—and, judging by the avalanche of advance orders, it be the hottest seller of all! But there's still lots more! We've finally sealed our greatest treasure up in the vaults of the past and now I can breathlessly reveal that you'll soon be able to buy HOW TO DRAW COMICS, THE MARVEL WAY!—by none other than Big John Buscema, who's as qualified as anyone in the world to write such a book, in collaboration with your obedient servant, who's got a lot of nerve butting into the act! Yep, this book, by Lee and Buscema, is the first one ever to reveal the Marvel secrets of drawing super-heroes! We'll tell you when it'll go on sale as soon as Simon & Schuster tells us—but in the meantime, save your shekels, stalwart one! And we've still just scratched the surface! We've got an exciting new MARVEL SPECIAL EDITION, and—oh, why should I give it all away? I'll tell you the best for a price. You know, you saw, so I sign off. So, till next time, be good to each other— and keep smiling! Remember, things could always be worse. I could have made this column twice as long!

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ITEM! Let's get started with a personal note by offering warmest congratulations to one of our covorting colorists, **DON WARFIELD**, and to his wife, **GAYLE LANDERS**, on the birth of their daughter, **ELLEN KELLY WARFIELD**. We'd wish the happy trio all the luck in the world, but since Ellen was born on the seventh day of the seventh month of the seventy-seventh year at 7:00 PM, she's probably got a corner on that already!

ITEM! Usually we're so out of breath from talking at you about all our new and super special projects—say, for instance, our second **STARS WARS TREASURY EDITION** which is on sale this month and wraps up the **ROY THOMAS/HOWIE CHAYKIN** adaptation of this summer's number one movie sensation—that it seems we never get around to mentioning much about our regular monthly and bimonthly titles in this space. Naturally, it's hard not to beat the drum for something like our up-and-coming \$1.00, eighty page, giant **MAN FROM ATLANTIS** book (more details later) or lay sly hints to all you **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN** fans about a particularly colorful surprise which may be headed your way along about Christmas time, but for this edition of the Bullpen Bulletin, your amiable armadillo is resolutely resolved to restrict his ramblings to our rip-roaring regular books (and to declare a moratorium on alteration for a sentence or three).



issues, and he'll be staying on when Energetic ED HANNIGAN picks up the reins as regular penciler after Carmine's issues. Together with writer DAVE KRAFT, the guys promise some of the most devastating Defenders adventures ever!

ITEM! On the staff front, how about a hearty welcome for Dandy **DANNY FINGEROTH**, who is taking over as Assistant Editor of our bombastic British books. Danny replaces Bouncing **BOB BUDIANSKY** who recently so impressed us with his penciling of a special Falcon filler story that we decided to start throwing freelance art assignments his way. Bob's in the middle of a **DAREDEVIL** tale even as we write this. Watch for it; we think the boy's a real comer! Two other titanic talents who have served in Marvel's British Legion are penciler **DAVE WENZEL** and inker **DUFFY VOHLAND**. They too are making inroads into stateside publication, and a future issue of **SAVAGE SWORD 'O'** **CONAN** will feature a Solomon Kane tale by Dave and Duffy that we think will really delight you.

TEMI WITH JACK "King" KIRBY hard at work finishing the massive one hundred page **SILVER SURFER** saga he and **STAN THE MAN** are creating for book publication by Simon and Schuster (The same good folks who are currently bringing you Stan's latest in the **ORIGIN** series, **THE SUPERHERO WOMEN**), our **CAPTAIN AMERICA** comic has passed over to writer/editor Rascally **ROY THOMAS**. Art chores this month will be handled by Big **JOHN BUSEMCA**, and after that by the terrific team of our Pal **SAL BUSEMCA** and Jolting **JOE SINNOTT**. And, lest you fear that this shift will leave Mr. Kirby without the elements breathing space in the **Silver Surfer** epic is ended, we'll remind you that a couple of sessions back we mentioned that the King was conjuring up some nifty new titles. Though delayed slightly, Jack is just about ready to spring them on you, and we should be able to announce them, with appropriate fanfare, in this column next month. Be here, hear?

TEMI Space—or the lack of it—makes this our last segment, and we've still got about a jillion things we wanted to crow about and comment on. . . like the new X-MEN art team of Jocular JOHN BYRNE and Terrific TERRY AUSTIN (the same lads who, along with creative **CHRIS CLAMONT**, dazzled you with **THE TARDIS** in our last segment, **MARVEL PREVIEW**). . . like Delightful **DAVE COCKRUM**'s up-and-coming issue of **JOHN CARTER, WARLORD OF MARS** (just to show everyone that since leaving the aforementioned X-MEN he isn't sitting on his hands or resting on his laurels). . . like welcoming **TONY** and **MARY DEZUNIGA** back to the Big Apple after their long-time residence in the faraway Philippines, and welcome to the party **JOHN** and **JOANNE** who move without missing a deadline or even a deft brushstroke in his dazzling inkery. . . but, unfortunately, we can't go into that—there just isn't any space left. Maybe next time, gang.

BY SOME MYSTERIOUS QUIRK OF SPACE AND TIME WARP, THE DING-A-LING FAMILY IS THRUST INTO THOR'S ASGARDIAN ORBIT. THE FAMILY LEAVES A TRAIL OF EVIL DOING ON EARTH. GRANDMA DING-A-LING LEADS THEM IN SWOOPING SILENTLY UP BEHIND THE ASGARDIANS.

LET'S GIT 'EM ALL, KIN. CAPTURE 'EM OR...

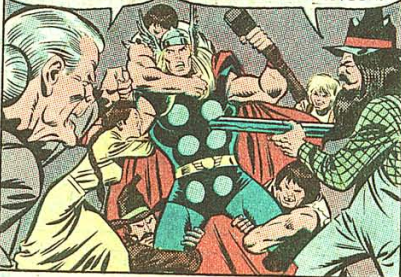
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...AND THEN SOME.

BY CRACKY, THAT PURTY, YELLA-HAIRED FELLA'S THE LEADER...LET'S HORNSWOGGLE HIM AND THE REST'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE...



THY FAMILIAL BONDS ARE INDEED STRONG... PITY 'TIS MIS-
SPENT ON EVIL... **BUT** 'TIS

SHO NUFF, COUSIN BEE...IT'S OUR COUSIN-POWER

BO...WHAT'S THIS?...THE COUSINS THEY CALLETH BEE AND BYE RESISTETH THE HAMMER...?

SECRET WEAPON... NOTHING CAN RESIST IT EXCEPT WHEN OUR HAIDS WANDER A BIT... AND WE LOSE THE CONCENTRATION... AND WE GOOF IT UP OURSELVES.

...AYE THEN, 'TIS BUT CHILD'S
PLAY TO USE THIS PLOY AND
DISTRACT THE COUSINS BEE
AND BYE...AND BYE AND
BYE 'T'WILL BE THEIR
LINDOING

...ER...UH...AH...
MMM...HAMM...
LOOKA THET...
COUSIN BYE...



CHERRY... GREAT, LIGHT
TENDER CRUST... REAL
FRUIT FILLING, COUSIN
BYE, I CAN'T RECOLLECT
WHAT WE WERE TALKING
ABOUT BUT IT COULDN'T BE
HALF AS INTERESTIN' AS
THESE MOUTHWATERIN'
HOSTESS FRUIT
PIES...

YOU FOOLS! WE ALMOST HAD
THE YELLA-HAIRED ONE IN OUR
POWER! DUMB COUSINS!

FORSOOTH, M'LADY... NOT
SO DUMB... THEY KNOWTH OF
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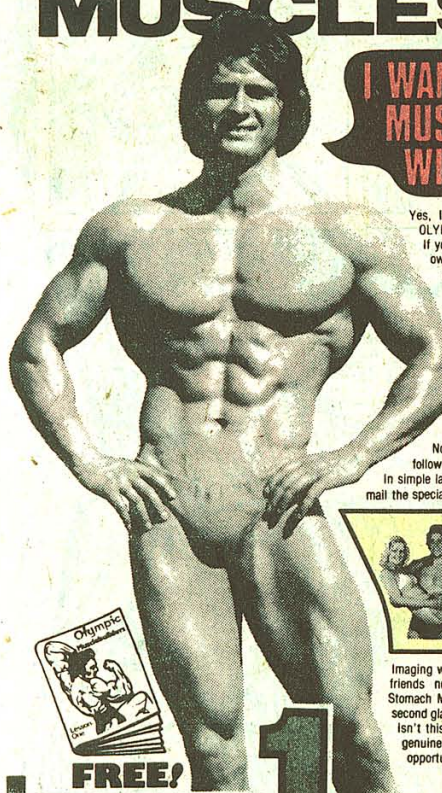
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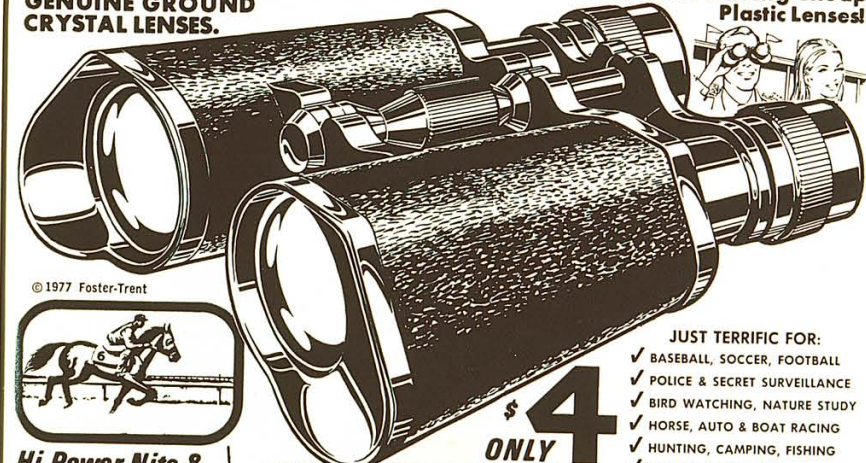
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